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DECISION DISMISSING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.138(c)  
*The declaration of express abandonment will not be recognized*

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(c), for express abandonment to avoid publication of the above-identified application.

The petition is dismissed.

The express abandonment will **not** be recognized for the reason(s) indicated below:

- ☒ The petition under 37 CFR 1.138(c) was not filed in sufficient time to permit the appropriate officials to recognize the abandonment and remove the application from the publication process.
- ☐ The petition was not signed by a party authorized by 37 CFR 1.33(b)(1), (3) or (4).
- ☐ The Application was published in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 122(b), and it is available on the USPTO web site at <http://www.uspto.gov/patft/index.html>.
- ☐ Petition fee was not paid.

The application **has/will be published** as scheduled.

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